

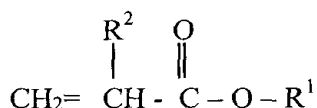
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cont. application are incorporated in their entirety by reference.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Amended) Halogen-free, flame-retardant composition comprising at least either an organic phosphorous compound (A),
melamine or a compound derived from melamine (B),
or a melamine-phosphorous compound (AB),
and further comprising
a polymer compound (C) comprising at least one type of olefin having 2-12 carbon atoms and 0.1-30 weight % relative to the weight of the polymer compound (C) of at least one compound containing acid, acid anhydride or epoxy groups.

2. (Amended) Composition according to Claim 1, wherein the component (C) is a polymer obtained by copolymerizing E, X and Y compounds, wherein E is ethylene, X is a compound having the formula



where

R¹ = alkyl radical having 1-8 carbon atoms

R² = H, CH₃ or C₂H₅

and Y is glycidyl (alkyl)acrylate.

3. (Amended) Composition according to Claim 1, wherein said component (C) is an ethylene/acrylic ester/glycidyl methacrylate, ethylene/acrylic ester/maleic anhydride, ethylene/glycidyl methacrylate, ethylene/mathacrylic acid, propylene/maleic anhydride [and] or propylene/acrylic acid polymer.

4. (Amended) Composition according to Claim 3, wherein said component (C) is an ethylene/acrylic ester/glycidyl methacrylate terpolymer.

5. (Amended) Composition according to Claim 4, wherein said component (C) is an ethylene/methylmethacrylic ester/glycidyl methacrylate terpolymer.

6. (Amended) Composition according to Claim 1, wherein said component (C) is an ethylene/alpha-olefin copolymer modified with maleic anhydride.

7. (Amended) Composition according to Claim 1, comprising the organic phosphorous component (A) or the melamine-phosphorous compound (AB) selected from a phosphate, a phosphinate and a phosphonate.

8. (Amended) Composition according to Claim 7, wherein the component (B) or (AB) is selected from melamine, melamine cyanurate, melamine phosphate, melam, melem and mixtures thereof.

9. (Amended) Polycondensate composition comprising the flame retardant composition according to Claim 1, and further comprising a polyester or polyamide.

10. (Amended) Polycondensate composition according to Claim 9, comprising a polyester selected from the group consisting of polyethylene terephthalate, polybutylene terephthalate, polyethylene naphthalate, polyphenylene terephthalate, and polybutylene naphthalate.

11. (Amended) Polycondensate composition according to Claim 9, comprising a polyamide selected from the group consisting of polyamide-6, polyamide-6,6, and polyamide-4,6.

12. (Amended) Polycondensate composition according to Claim 9 further comprising

an organic filler.

13. (Amended) Polycondensate composition according to Claim 12, wherein the inorganic filler is glass fibre.

14. (Amended) Polyester composition comprising at least:

- an organic phosphate or phosphonate; or
- melamine cyanurate, melamine phosphate, melam, melem, or mixtures thereof; and further comprising
- an ethylene/acrylic ester/glycidyl methacrylate polymer;
- glass fibres; and
- a polyester selected from the group consisting of polyethylene terephthalate, polybutylene terephthalate, polyethylene naphthalate, polyphenylene terephthalate, and polybutylene naphthalate.

15. (Amended) Polyamide composition comprising at least:

- an organic phosphate or phosphonate; or
- melamine cyanurate, melamine phosphate, melam, melem, or mixtures thereof; and further comprising
- an ethylene/acrylic ester/glycidyl methacrylate polymer; glass fibres; and
- a polyamide selected from the group consisting of polyamide-6, polyamide-6,6, and polyamide-4,6.

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